

1. General Information:

**Organization name:** TeensAlive Program

**Affiliation with ABCUSA:** Calvary Baptist Church, Lowell, MA

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2. Please submit your application a copy of:

a. Mission Statement:

TeensAlive is committed to empower the growing younger generation to fully identify themselves, their inherent potential and their belongingness in the world. It will assist them in finding and reaffirming their connectedness to self, others, their community and God through the teaching of Christian values and tradition.

b. TeensAlive projected budget 2016

Budget	Total	Source
Staff	\$18,000.00	\$2000.00 Faith foundation, Lowell, MA \$6000.00 moved from 2015 budget. \$2000.00 yard sale \$1000.00 car wash \$3000.00 Participating churches \$4000.00 Deficit
Food and program	\$2000.00	Calendar sale
Scholarship for 4 students High School graduates	\$2000.00	Donation
Project	\$5000.00	Matthew 25 Grant
Total	\$27,000.00	
Deficit	\$4000.00	

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on a separate sheet. Max. of one page)

Appreciation gifts cards/luncheon for tutors/volunteers	\$2000.00
Food and refreshments	\$2000.00
Printing, flyers and stationery	\$300.00
Teaching materials	\$700.00

The requested fund will be used to tutor students for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) and English language improvement for the refugees and immigrants in middle and high school. In my three years mentoring in TeensAlive ministry, I identified that many students are unable to receive high school diplomas due to their poor performance in the MCAS. Many of them told me that they lack a proper foundation in the English due to the past schooling in refugee camps in Thailand and Malaysia. The target group is mostly refugees and first and second-generation immigrants who attend Lowell Public Schools in Massachusetts, however, others who are willing to attend will also be accepted. We have about 50 prospective students who will need MCAS support and 99 percent of those students come from low-income families that resettled in Lowell in the past 5 years. Most of the children were born in refugee camps in Thailand. We have already done 10 sessions in last Fall. And there will be a total of 20 sessions; 10 in the Spring (on going) and 10 in Fall 2016. We have 15 senior and junior high school students from Chelmsford and 10 certified adults teachers. At this juncture we require a huge sum of money for the other expenses involved in this project.

4. Total Cost of Project: \$5000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5000.00

6. Your other funding source(s): So far we have no other funding source other than mentioned above.

(Signed) Mangyang Date Feb. 27, 2016

Printed Name/Title: Director



*TeensAlive*  
**A ministry of Calvary Baptist Church**  
**60 Hastings St. Lowell, MA 01851**

February 29, 2016

To  
ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant

Dear Madam,

Greetings in the name of Jesus our savior.

It is my privilege to be one of the minister under ABCUSA and take this opportunity to apply our second year for the Matthew 25 Grant for the immigrant teens who are from low income families in the city of Lowell, Massachusetts. Since 2015 September TeensAlive ministry has organized Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tutoring to refugee students and first generation immigrants middle and high schoolers starting. We have already done 10 sessions in the Fall 2015. There will be 10 sessions in Spring and 10 sessions in Fall 2015. Many of our teens are not able to get high school diploma because they failed in MCAS exam. Right now, we are blessed by excellent tutors: 18 senior and junior High School students from Chelmsford and 10 certified adult teachers.

Lowell is an ethnically diverse city with 17.2 percent of the population living below poverty level out of which 22.1 percent are children. It has the second largest high school in Massachusetts and it has about 4000 racially and ethnically diverse student community. The city household income is below state average. A little less than a half of the city population are immigrants from different parts of the world. Besides, there are also many refugee immigrants who have arrived in recent years. All these factors contribute to the city children's vulnerability to many social, spiritual, psychological and economic issues.

Surely your generous grant will be able to help the immigrant teens improve their English language and successfully get high school diploma. Therefore, it is my earnest request to consider our request.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Mangyang Imsong  
Director  
TeensAlive Program

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*TeensAlive program is a ministry of Calvary Baptist Church, Lowell, MA. It is a Christian program for preteens and teens to help them engage in different activities that are based on the Bible and Christian moral values. It is designed to help teens to engage in a variety of activities with the opportunity to explore their talents and gifts in order to live abundantly utilizing the abilities God has given. This ministry offers holistic empowerment programs to provide balance between body, mind and spirit. An integration of different activities revolving around body, mind and spirit empowers the young generation to recognize their inner power to believe in themselves, to identify their innate potentiality, to realize the importance of God given life to them, to understand what is happening in the world, to launch an action plan for future chapters in life, to develop leadership skills, and to encourage them to be good and active members in a faith community.*

### TeensAlive 2015 – A short report:

There about 50 teens who are registered in the program. Regular attendance in our meeting is 15 to 20 people. Majority of our teens are from American Baptist churches, however, we also have some teens coming from the following faith/religious background: Catholic, Methodist, Non-denominational churches, Buddhists, Atheists and Nones. Besides a few Caucasians, most of our teens are first and second generation immigrants from seven different countries (Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Congo, East Ivory Coast, Vietnam and India) and most of them are living in Lowell except one from New Hampshire, two from Methuen, one from Dracut, one from Chelmsford and three from Newton.

It has been another successful year for TeensAlive ministry with God's amazing grace through out the year. The ministry has become more known to other churches as our teens have involved in many activities under TABCOM. This year there were many accomplishments and we have done more than we planned.

1. Conducted 4 different workshops:
  - i. Fullness of Life Part 1 led by Mangyang Imsong (Feb. 21)
  - ii. Fullness of Life Part 2 led by Mangyang Imsong (March 21)
  - iii. Soap making workshop at Western Studio, Lowell, MA, led by Prof. Kim, UMass. (Nov. 21)
  - iv. Anti-Bullying Workshop for teens led by Shane Anti-Bullying Program (Dec. 5)
2. Presented special music on different occasions:;
  - i. TeensAlive girls were in charge for Praise and Worship at American Baptist Women and Girl Retreat, Nantasket Beach Resort, Hull, MA (March 6 & 7)
  - ii. Led Praise and worship at First United Baptist Church, Lowell, MA (April 19)
  - iii. Presented special music at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christian Cambodian American Voice of Peace and the ordination service of Mr. Narin Sao, Lowell, MA. (May 23)
  - iv. Led praise and worship during Dr. Mangyang Imsong's ordination service at Calvary Baptist Church. (Oct. 18)
  - v. Led praise and worship in Combined worships at Calvary Baptist Church, Lowell (March 29, May 31, Aug. 30 & Nov. 29)
3. Eleven teens walked 8 miles at Greater Lowell Walk For Hunger at Westford, MA. (April 4)
4. Conferences & Retreat:
  - i. Eleven teens attended American Baptist Women & Girl Retreat at Nantasket Beach Resort, Hull, MA (March 6 & 7)
  - ii. Thirteen teens attended Spring Awakening at Grotonwood Camp & Conference Center, Groton, MA (April 24-26)
  - iii. Nineteen kids attended summer camp at Grotonwood (between June – August)
  - iv. Three high school students attended Christian Youth Conference at Ocean Park, ME (Aug 2 – 15)
  - v. Eleven teens attended Fall Awakening, Grotonwood. (Nov. 6 – 8)
5. Fund Raiser yard sale was held on May 16 at Calvary Baptist Church.
6. Education and Entertainment
  - i. Watch a movie "Do You believe?" on Oct. 5, it was sponsored by Marcia and Gary Long, followed by a discussion and feedback from the viewers.
7. Entertainment:
  - i. Entertainment for the year included a visit to the bowling alley on April 18 at Bruinswick, Lowell, MA. (15 people)
8. Volunteering in different places:
  - i. Grotonwood Service Day on May 16
  - ii. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christian Cambodian-American Voice of Peace and Ordination service of Pastor Narin Sao at Calvary Baptist Church on May 23.
  - iii. TeamWalk Cancer care, Lowell General Hospital on May 31.
  - iv. Calvary Baptist Church Yard Sale on Sept. 19.
  - v. Grotonwood Community Service Day on Oct. 10.
  - vi. Mr. Mangyang Imsong's ordination service at Calvary Baptist Church on Oct. 18.
  - vii. Installation and worship service of Rev. Mary Day Miller Executive Minister TABCOM on Nov. 21.
  - viii. Habitat for Humanity at Lowell, MA on Dec. 12.

- ix. 2015 Children Christmas celebration at Calvary Baptist Church on Dec. 19.
- 9. Visiting church:
  - i. Visited First United Baptist Church, Lowell and led praise and worship song in the worship on April 19.
- 10. MCAS Tutoring: MCAS tutoring started in the fall of 2015 and continues in Spring and Fall 2016.
- 11. High School graduates: Six TeensAlive members successfully graduated from Lowell High and went on to attend college. They are: Dahlia Naw Paw, Moe Phyu, Ta Poe Lay, Car Ree, Zoe Noel and Appolos Ba.
- 12. We sponsored and provided partial scholarships to:
  - i. 19 kids to attend summer camp in 2015 at Grotonwood Summer Camp and Conference Center
  - ii. 3 teens to attend Christian Youth Conference, Oceanwood, ME
  - iii. 13 teens to attend Spring Awakening, at Grotonwood Summer Camp and Conference Center and
  - iv. 11 teens for Fall Awakening at Grotonwood Summer Camp and Conference Center Groton, MA.
- v. I was able to attend a few meetings and conferences:
  - i. TABCOM new Executive Minister election at FBC Worcester,
  - ii. The Service of Installation and worship of Rev. Mary Day Miller in Worcester,
  - iii. Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches, East Coast "in-person meeting" in Clifton, NJ
  - iv. TABCOM annual meeting, Mission Works in Leominster and
  - v. Space for Grace, ABHMS in LA.

On behalf of TeensAlive ministry, I would like to thank all individuals, families and organizations for your generous financial support, all the Board members and Fellowship Coordinators for your tireless support, parents and guardians for your commitment and dedication to reach out to our young generation. The success of TeensAlive ministry is because of your continuous support, and it is my earnest request to all to keep your support alive. May God bless you all.

Board of Directors:

- 1. Rev. Dr. Hazel Roper, Calvary Baptist Church.
- 2. Ms. Renia Noel, Calvary Baptist Church.
- 3. Ms. Amy Chan, New Life Christian Cambodian Church.
- 4. Mr. James Thawngmung, Lowell International Church
- 5. Mr. Sow Oo, Lowell International Church
- 6. Mr. Patrick Seng, Christian Cambodian American Voice of Peace
- 7. Rev. Dr. Mangyang Imsong, Calvary Baptist Church.

Fellowship Coordinators:

- 1. Kanya Sao, Christian Cambodian American Voice of Peace
- 2. Thang Tung, Lowell International Church.

Sincerely,  
 Rev. Dr. Mangyang Imsong  
 Director, TeensAlive Ministry

## TeensAlive 2016 Calendar

Engage

Explore

Live

Jan. 02: A New Beginning. 2 Corinthian 5:17  
Jan. 16: Going to Movie Theater  
Feb. 06: Friendships  
Feb. 20: Teens and Electronic Devices  
March 04-05: TeensAlive Girls leading praise and worship at AB Women & Girls Retreat at Hull, MA  
March 05: The Power of Gratitude (Book Discussion)  
March 11: TeensAlive supports TABCOM Fund Raiser.  
March 19: Plan Ahead. Jeremiah 9:11  
April 02: ExploreYourTalent.com  
April 16: Teens and Domestic Violence (Workshop)  
May 07: Why did my parents say this again?  
May 21: Bowling  
June 04: Reminiscent  
June 18: Graduation Celebration  
July 02: Fund Raiser - Yard Sale  
July 16: Sports Day  
Aug. 06: Forgiveness. Matthew 6:14  
Aug. 20: Teens and Substance Abuse (Workshop)  
Sept. 03: Book Discussion on *Do Hard Things* by Alex Harris & Brett Harris  
Sept. 17: Depression and Teens (Workshop)  
Oct. 01: No Procrastination  
Oct. 15: I Can Do It. Philippians 4:13  
Nov. 05: The Past and Now  
Nov. 19: Thanksgiving. Psalm 95:2  
Dec. 03: Advent Christmas  
Dec. 17: Teens/Children Christmas celebration

- *There will be music, games, a short bible study and dinner at every meeting.*
- *Meeting place: 60 Hastings Street Lowell, MA 01851 other meeting places TBA*
- *Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm*

*Please support our teens and together we will create a caring and loving community*

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### **If you want to join please contact us:**

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